

REMARKS

1. In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 28-45 and 47-56 were last presented for examination in this application. All claims were rejected in the outstanding Office Action. No claims have been amended, canceled or added in this paper. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 28-45 and 47-56 will remain pending in this application. Of these 28 claims, four (4) claims (claims 28, 47, 50, and 56) are independent. Based only on the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

Art of Record

2. Applicant acknowledges receipt of the form PTO-1449 filed by Applicant on November 19, 2004, which has been initialed by the Examiner indicating consideration of the references cited therein.

Claim Rejections

3. Independent claims 28, 47, 50 and 56 and dependent claims 29-34, 36-41, 43-45, 48-49 and 51-55 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,225 to Rangarajan *et al.* (hereinafter, "Rangarajan"). Additionally, dependent claims 35 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rangarajan. Based upon the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

4. Claim 28 recites in part, "at least one portal view profile ...comprising at least one reference to a data miner module configured to extract predetermined information from a predetermined entity in the networked computing environment and to cause management information derived from the extracted information to be included in the portal view display, wherein each at least one referenced data miner module is stored in a library of data miner modules accessible by the network administrator to select for inclusion in said at least one portal view profile the at least one referenced data miner module." In support of the Examiner's rejection of this limitation, the Examiner stated in the Response to Arguments section of the Office Action that Rangarajan discloses that when a user enters data through the wizard of Rangarajan, he is "configuring miner modules to extract predetermined data.

The user is predetermining what data is to be shown (i.e., mined) for what entities.”

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s rejection for the following reasons.

5. Rangarajan is directed to allowing a user to customize a graphical user interface (GUI) for the user's needs. (*See*, Rangarajan, Abstract.) Rangarajan discloses a wizard process for obtaining the user’s preferences for the GUI. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 5, lns. 54-67.) The wizard process uses interrogatory nodes where interrogatories are presented to the user that allow the user to specify a selected feature set that contains network devices for which the user (i.e., network administrator) is responsible. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 6, lns. 15-31.) These interrogatories may also include further information that a user may select, such as a list of devices, a network topology map, or a selected fault list. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 6, lns. 31-36.) Then, if the interrogatory node is not the end node (i.e., the last interrogatory), new interrogatory nodes (i.e., next interrogatory nodes) are presented to the user, where these new interrogatories are selected based on the user’s answers to the previous interrogatories. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 6, lns. 46-54.)

6. After making these selections, the user then is presented with an information-presentation interrogatory (Fig. 5) that allows the user to select how the previously selected information is displayed to the user. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 7, lns. 30-33.) As such, the wizard process of Rangarajan requires a user to make multiple selections that include the user first making multiple selections to select the information and then, second, selecting how this information is to be displayed. Rangarajan, however, neither teaches nor suggests a library of data miner modules from which a network administrator is able to select a desired data miner module. Nor is the wizard of Rangarajan “configured to extract predetermined information from a predetermined entity, and to cause management information derived from the extracted information to be displayed.” In contrast to the data of the Rangarajan wizard being predetermined, a user, via user selections, determines the data to be presented by the wizard.

7. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Rangarajan fails to teach or suggest “data miner module configured to extract predetermined information from a predetermined entity in the networked computing environment and to cause management information derived from the extracted information to be included in the portal view display, wherein each at least one referenced data miner module is stored in a library of data miner modules accessible by the network administrator to select for inclusion in said at least one portal view profile the at least one referenced data miner module,” as recited in independent claim 28. Applicant therefore

respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection to claim 28 for at least the above-discussed reasons.

8. Applicant additionally notes that although Rangarajan discloses interrogatories for selecting information and interrogatories for selecting how the previously selected information is to be displayed, the Examiner has failed to identify what specific feature of Rangarajan the Examiner alleges discloses a data miner module. Nor has the Examiner identified support in Rangarajan for allegedly disclosing “at least one portal view profile ... comprising at least one reference to a data miner module...” as recited in claim 28. Instead the citations provided by the Examiner merely reference Figures illustrating user interfaces. These Figures fail to illustrate a portal view module that references at least one data miner module. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 is allowable for at least these additional reasons.

9. Applicant’s claim 47 recites: “...providing a portal view profile associated with the identified network administrator, wherein said portal view profile references at least one of a plurality of data miner modules each configured to extract predetermined information from a predetermined network entity in a networked computing environment; generating management information specified by the network administrator and derived from the extracted predetermined information...” (See, Applicant’s claim 47, above.) For at least the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rangarajan neither discloses, teaches nor suggests Applicant’s invention as recited in amended claim 47. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 47 be reconsidered and that it be withdrawn.

10. Applicant’s claim 50, as amended above, recites: “at least one portal view profile each associated with and modifiable by a network administrator and comprising at least one reference to a data miner module configured to extract predetermined information from predetermined entities in the networked computing environment and to cause management information derived from the extracted information to be included in the portal view display.” (See, Applicant’s claim 50, above.) For at least the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rangarajan neither discloses, teaches nor suggests Applicant’s invention as recited in amended claim 50. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 50 be reconsidered and that it be withdrawn.

11. Applicant’s claim 56, as amended above, recites: “at least one portal view profile means for displaying a portal view display of management information pertaining to one or

more entities in a networked computing environment for an associated network administrator, comprising at least one reference to a data miner means for extracting predetermined information from predetermined entities in the networked computing environment, and to provide the extracted information to said portal view profile means for inclusion in the portal view display.” (See, Applicant’s claim 56, above.) For at least the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rangarajan neither discloses, teaches nor suggests Applicant’s invention as recited in amended claim 56. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 56 be reconsidered and that it be withdrawn.

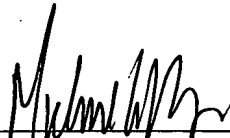
Dependent Claims

12. The dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them a fortiori and independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections of the dependent claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

13. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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